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PATENT APPLICATION

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE DRYING OF NATURAL GAS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### In the Specification

Please substitute the following specification. No new matter has been added. The specification has been amended to conform to U.S. practice.

# Method and Apparatus for the Drying of Natural Gas

### Technical Field

The present invention is concerned with a method and apparatus for the removal of water from natural gas.

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